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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### [RULING: SOME ON TRIBE PANEL OVERSTEPPED](#)

By BECKY SHAY, Billings Gazette (10/20/07)

Members of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council had no authority to hold extra sessions this summer, so its actions in those meetings are void, the tribe's Constitutional Court ruled Thursday.

### [BLACKFEET TRIBAL COUNCIL DISMISSES TREASURER](#)

By ERIC NEWHOUSE, Great Falls Tribune (10/24/07)

Joe Gervais, veteran treasurer of the Blackfeet Tribe, was fired Monday by the Tribal Business Council.

### [COMPUTERIZED IDENTIFICATION ON ITS WAY TO BLACKFEET COUNTRY](#)

By JOHN MCGILL, Glacier Reporter (10/24/07)

Well, all it looks like, really, is a normal looking computer with a monitor and an extra, blue colored box attached to it. There's another one that's smaller, and the pair constitute the core of the Blackfeet Tribe's new identification system.

### [WHISTLEBLOWER TO DETAIL MISMANAGEMENT OF INDIAN ACCOUNTS BY DEPT. OF INTERIOR](#)

Glacier Reporter (10/24/07)

A key witness against the federal government in a multi-billion dollar class action lawsuit this week will be one of its own attorneys, according to Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER). The pivotal testimony will contradict the Interior Department's central defense that it can accurately account for income from leases it manages on behalf of 300,000 Indian landowners.

### [BLACKFEET ENVIRONMENTAL HOSTS REGION 8 MEETING](#)

Glacier Reporter (10/24/07)

The Blackfeet Tribe hosted the Region 8 Tribal Nonpoint Source Meeting on Oct. 16-17. The Blackfeet Environmental Office welcomed water quality specialists from the Rocky Boy Reservation, and the newest non-point source program coordinators from the Crow Tribe, Fort Belknap Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Montana's U.S. EPA staff and a student from the University of Montana.

### [FOLK ART GETS A BOOST](#)

By KAREN OGDEN, Great Falls Tribune (10/24/07)

...The council's new Folk and Traditional Arts Entrepreneurship Program aims to help folk and traditional artists like Neeley, who often work under the radar, find markets for their work....

Dyani Bingham, a Billings resident, will work quarter-time as the Indian arts market development manager. She hails from Fort Belknap where she is an Assiniboine tribal member. Bingham also works as director of the Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance.

## **NATIVE AMERICAN WELCOMING CENTER**

Benefis Healthcare Newsletter

### **Bridging the Gap between Cultures**

#### **Benefis Opens Native American Welcoming Center**

As a community hospital, Benefis Healthcare is deeply committed to providing quality healthcare to all. This year, Benefis focused on an important community need – enhancing its care to Native American patients and providing quality healthcare resources.



The result is the development of the Native American Welcoming Center, a 1,200 square foot area designed to welcome Native American patients and their families and to better serve native people in our region. "We want to provide a great patient experience to Native American patients," says Deb Nader, Benefis Patient Advocate who is overseeing the Native American Resource Center.

## **EDUCATORS HONORED AT MONTANA HISTORY CONFERENCE**

By TOM COOK [metnet.mt.gov](http://metnet.mt.gov)

Two men who have devoted their lives to passing on their love of Montana history to thousands of students were honored Friday night at the 34th annual Montana Historical Society History Conference in Helena. University of Montana history professor Harry Fritz was awarded the Society Trustees' Award, its highest honor, and Thompson Falls High School teacher Glenn Garrison received the Trustees' Montana Educator's Award. Nearly 300 people registered for this year's three-day

conference, which is more than double the number from last year. We are continuing to see an increased interest in Montana history," Society Director Richard Sims said. "New emphasis on teaching Indian heritage and the forthcoming publication of our Society Press' new Montana history textbook have helped generate that interest."

## **JOB VACANCIES:**

### **JOB OPENING IN THE DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATION**

**SENIOR IT PROCUREMENT ANALYST**, POSITION #61166474 State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$42,147 to \$52,684 DOQ. Responsible for enterprise and division IT procurement, contract management and IT project management. Application deadline 5:00 p.m. Wednesday November 7, 2007. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_EMPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=270](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=270)